

Columbus Is Ready To Welcome The 10,000 Troops Of The National Guard Ordered Here

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## Great Program for Chautauqua Week

Chautauqua Program, Which Commences on June 9 and Ends June 13, Promises to be a "Hummer."

Chautauqua of the Western System is promised Columbus for July 9th to the 13th, and many are looking forward to the engagement with keen anticipations of a delightful session.

The five days will have selected programmes, well-balanced and finely contrasted. There will be entertainments, grave and gay and amusing and instructive. "Not a dull minute in the entire course," is the press comment from various cities this high-class band of entertainers has received.

The programmes include a Chautauqua for the small town—a Chautauqua for the south west—a summer course for everybody.

Communities will have to offer no apologies to visitors concerning the character of the entertainments nor the personal conduct of the talent. You will find this, in truth, an "uplifting" movement.

### THE MUSICAL ART COMPANY.

The personnel of this talented company is not unknown to the people of the southwest. Miss Marjorie Bruner is a graduate of the justly famed Leeland T. Powers School of Boston, Mass. She has had very successful experience upon Chautauqua as well as upon the Lyceum platform and has few equals before the American public. Rev. W. G. Clinton, a leading Kansas City minister, says: "We were delighted with the charm and attractiveness of her personality, and were pleased with the perfect art of her impersonations."

Miss Bruner has associated with her two accomplished artists, Miss Flora Mae Morse, soprano soloist, who renders operatic and popular selections with unusual effect. Miss Frances Hiese, cellist, is an instructor in the use of this popular instrument, and her selections are a special feature of the program.

### Rev. Wm. H. Scribner.

Rev. Wm. H. Scribner is well known throughout the middle west, and is highly esteemed as a pulpit orator. He has held some splendid positions as pastor, and is now engaged in evangelical work. He is broad-minded and progressive, a man of remarkable personal appearance and an influence for good wherever he is found.

While Mr. Scribner is a spicy, entertaining speaker, he dis-

cusses vital topics of our times, and imparts many new ideas that you may take over and ponder over. He is a speaker well hearing, and his lecture will be accounted one of the best numbers of the course.

SMITH-WILLIAMS ENTERTAINERS. It would be difficult, indeed, to find ladies better calculated to furnish an evening of splendid entertainment than the two composing this company. Their remarkable personalities, grace, culture and accomplishments makes this one of the most interesting numbers of the Chautauqua attractions. Miss Katie Lee Smith is a lyric soprano with a range of over two octaves. She is also a graduate of the dramatic department of the Leeland T. Powers School at Boston.

Miss Lora Williams is a mezzo soprano as well as a reader of marked ability. Her classic poses and graceful caesthetics are entertaining features of the program.

### FRANCIS J. GABLE.

Mr. Gable is a popular lecturer, having spoken in many every state in the union. He has a faculty of endearing himself to a community. He has a fine voice for platform work. All the poetry that he uses is of his own composition.

"Laughilosophy" is Mr. Gable's most humorous lecture. After giving this lecture in Washington a few years ago, a small boy said to him, "I could hardly keep from laughing."

### VIVIAN NEWKIRK AND HER HAMMONS COMPANY.

This is one of the really versatile companies appearing in the south west. Five artists, every one a soloist, compose an orchestra and a ladies' quartette. Violin, piano, flute, cello, vocal solos, duets, quartettes, readings, impersonations and a variety of accomplishments furnish a delightful evening of entertainment.

Miss Mary Owsley, a vocal soloist, a 10-year old girl possessing a voice of remarkable strength and lyric sweetness.

The Parsons Sisters, violinists. Miss Adymae Parsons stands close to the head of the list of distinguished violinists. Miss Edwina Parsons is violin and piano accompanist of marked ability.

Miss Florence Jack, flautist, whose beautiful tones upon the instrument is an attractive feature. Her solo work is excellent.

Miss Vivian Newkirk, piano soloist and accompanist—a brilliant performer upon this popular instrument.

John Stearly withdraws his advertised lots from the market. J. S. Blair went down to El Paso Wednesday on business. He returned home Thursday.

## U. S. Ordnance As Conserved at the Base

The "Man Behind the Gun" Is O. K., But He Must Have the Gun First.

Under the blazing sun a red flag beats in the gulf over the low sheds marking the ordnance department of the U. S. Army Base—round about the various sheds that mark the home of this most important branch of military organization, ropes with other penants of crimson hue and signs warning that cigars and kindred comforts of the weed are taboo in these dangerous precincts keeps before the onlooker the constant menace under which the guardians of these engines of destruction live.

The value of the explosives is very great, and thanks to the freedom with which we of America have fed the allied forces of Europe with munitions, ammunition for home consumption is scarce, so great care is needed.

Captain James L. Walsh is responsible for the whole works, as the boys say—and they are "some works believe me." Everything from little steel pins, triggers, hair springs, to cannon and motor cycles, forks, spoons and knives, big guns, horse equipment, leather goods and steel chains are received and re-packed for by Captain Walsh. He knows where every article of this weird assortment is stored, and can lay hands on anything at a moment's notice. There are probably millions of articles stored in the buildings which are beginning to spring up around the Army Base, but though his force is wonderfully efficient, it is also wonderfully small.

The first work of Capt. Walsh was to have a shed with white canvas top for coyness, constructed. There is, as we know, little canvas to be had, except the heat absorbing khaki colored tenting, but by hook or crook white was procured. This was lifted above wooden walls and all the air that stirs is admitted to the cases of munitions.

Every case is lifted on inch blocks, so air may pass beneath and above each individual case, and the orderly stacks are a foot apart in long rows, the piles do not reach anywhere near the top of the shack and thermometers are displayed in as many places as if it was a sanitarium instead of a nursery for sin and shell. Everywhere it is possible to put a vessel of water one is to be found. This helps the evaporation and also will be handy as an adjunct to chemical

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## Deming, N. M., Not The Logical Point

For a Mobilization Camp of National Guards, Says the New York Telegraph Correspondent.

The following is from the New York Telegraph of June 20:

Columbus' pretty little neighbor, Deming, about forty miles to the north, is burning up the wires to Washington, D. C., in an effort to persuade the administration to the belief that Deming, New Mexico, is a border town and of strategic importance as a United States army base for the National Guards.

Deming surely is an oasis in the desert, but there is about forty miles of said desert between Deming and the nearest point into Mexico, which is the gateway beginning at the Columbus army base camp.

The night of the raid at Columbus Deming came to the rescue as quickly as it could, but on account of the distance and the bad road for autos the Mexicans were over the border before the van of cars arrived on the scene.

Columbus is now well equipped for the reception of troops, even thousands more than have already been accommodated here can be taken care of, with the additional benefit to the militia that regulars are on the ground to help in making of new camps, and under expert and efficient guidance of the regulars the new corners are broken to harness with astonishing quickness.

Deming has none of these advantages. It has railroad facilities but so has Columbus, and there is no trans shipping of troops necessary here. Those sent direct to Columbus, when they arrive are at the Mexican gate, and not only is this a time saving arrangement, but it is a money-saving plan as well, and Uncle Sam needs look to the cost of things from now on; if this Mexican situation is to be the long drawn-out affair we of the southwest believe likely.

It would probably take two days for troops to move by foot from Deming to the Mexican border, and they would have to come through Columbus at that, so it is foolish if not unpatriotic for the former to suggest to the East, which cannot understand these geographical distances, that Deming is in any sense a logical point to a mobilization camp. The only route in a direct line to the border from Deming is south to Columbus by motor track—this would take three hours or more—and the trucks would have to go from Columbus, for though Uncle Sam has now five hundred trucks in service they are so bitterly needed between Columbus and the furthest base in Mexico that the truck drivers now have not more than one night's rest before they are sent south with more supplies for the army. So a detour of eighty miles after Deming soldiers would be wasteful and foolish.

El Paso is on a direct line from Deming, but it is seventy miles away, so to go to El Paso from Deming to reach Columbus would be twice as bad as to go from Washington, D. C., to Baltimore en route for the Naval Academy at Annapolis—both are on two legs of a triangle, as it were.

I was guest of Deming during the recent rather awful executions of the Villista murderers, and I was delightfully treated by

## Preparing For The National Guard

Columbus will be further enriched in the very near future by a second army camp. This time it will be north of the railroad tracks, and a short distance northwest of Columbus proper.

A mile square of land has been leased it is said, for five years by the government for camp purposes, and work arranging this area for the use of the National Guards is progressing rapidly. Among the owners who hold property in this camp site are J. H. Cox, T. A. Hulse, W. C. Miller and A. L. Taylor. A well is being sunk now and a second well is planned for, so there will be an abundance of water for a camp which is planned to be ready for 10,000 members of the Guards now on their way to Columbus from western states.

All this new element means further prosperity for the town, for judging by the soldiers Columbus has known in the past, there cannot be too many of Uncle Sam's men in khaki to suit the townspeople.

### Deming Defeats Prohibition

In the prohibition election held in Deming last Saturday the town remained wet by a majority of 67 votes. Everything passed off very quietly, and there was no disturbance of any kind.

the people. Nevertheless I do not think they are patriotic in trying to influence Washington to station any soldiers in their town—there is hardly a less involved territory, where the Mexican trouble is concerned, than is this point separated from Mexico by forty miles of sand.

Last December, when Congress appropriated \$15,000 for temporary frame barracks at Columbus for the use of the Thirteenth Cavalry, Deming set up a howl, trying to get the post removed from Columbus to their town. They did not succeed in their protest, most fortunately, for the half-finished barracks were taken over March 10th for hospital work—and ever since the punitive expedition went over the border this cantonment hospital has been doing splendid work in the reception of the sick from Mexico, and the curing them or sending them on to Fort Bliss, had Deming succeeded in taking away the barracks from Columbus, Villa

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## Contract Let For New Water Tank

J. C. Kauffman, of Deming, Was the Successful Bidder, and Work on it Will Be Commenced at Once

The Village Board of Trustees let a contract Thursday for the erection of a large tower and tank, which will be used to supply the city with water. J. C. Kauffman, of Deming, was the successful bidder, and he has already ordered the material, and will begin the erection of the tank and tower as soon as the material arrives from El Paso.

It has been more than a year since the well near the craling station was completed, though a pumping plant has never been installed on account of the lack of funds. Up until right recently the old well furnished sufficient water for the city, but since the real warm weather it has been a problem to get water. The old well will not be needed when the pumping machinery is installed, and it is hoped that it will be but a few days before that is done.

A contract will be made with the Electric Light Company to furnish electricity to pump the water, and with a well with as large a capacity as the new city well is the water problem, which has been the cause of a lot of worry to the trustees for the past two years, will be solved.

### Bottling Works For Columbus

The Courier stated two weeks ago that Columbus needed a bottling works, along with other things. The same is being installed now, and will begin operation soon. The location of the plant is in the old jail building near White's livery stable. Judging from the amount of bottled refreshments which have been shipped here from El Paso and Deming during the last few months the new enterprise will have all the business it will be able to handle, and it should be a successful undertaking.

### Send In Your News

The Courier is in the field to serve the public.

Any social or personal items relative to Columbus people and their friends and reports of local societies, will be printed free of charge. Mail not later than Wednesday, to P. O. Box 230

## His Celebration



Photo by Frank Pearson.

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